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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Srinivas Reddy et al.

Application No.: 09/832,685

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: TRISTATE STRUCTURES FOR
PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 33, 48, and 52 as indicated below. Please cancel claims 41-47 without prejudice. Please add new claims 55-61.

- [Signature]
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- 1 33. (Amended) A method of multiplexing signals onto an
2 interconnect line comprising:
3 enabling a first tristate driver having an input coupled to a first logic
4 element and an output directly connected to the interconnect line, such that a first signal